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In re Application of :
Gilbert et al. :
Application No. 10/520,986 :
PCT No.: PCT/GB03/02962 :
Int. Filing Date: 09 July 2003 : NOTIFICATION
Priority Date: 10 July 2002 :
Atty. Docket No.: 310134.402USPC :
For: Molecular Detector Arrangement :

This is in response to the correspondence filed on 02 June 2006.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 09 July 2003, claimed an earliest priority date of 10 July 2002, and designated the U.S. The International Bureau communicated a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 22 January 2004. The 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 10 January 2005. Applicants filed, *inter alia*, the basic national fee on 10 January 2005.

On 12 July 2005, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was mailed to applicants, requiring the submission of an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

DISCUSSION

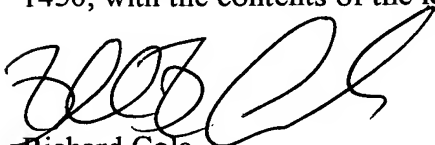
The instant correspondence urges that "a copy of the Response as filed on July 27, 2005" be accepted on the basis of return postcard receipt evidence. However, the instant correspondence has not been signed by a registered patent attorney or agent. Further, it appears to have been prepared and signed by "Rosie Price, Legal Assistant to Stephen J. Rosenman, Ph.D." It would not be appropriate to consider the merits of this correspondence (which is in effect a petition to accord a filing date to the "copy of the Response as filed on July 27, 2005") in the absence of the signature of a registered practitioner.

CONCLUSION

The application is **ABANDONED**.

This application will be retained in the Office of PCT Legal Administration for ONE (1) MONTH to await a proper submission by applicant; if no proper submission is received within this time, the application will then be forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch for the preparation and mailing of a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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